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Use of Synthetics in Fruit Juice

3240. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of synthetics in cola drinks is considered to be a health hazard by the Government;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to stop its use;

(c) whether the Government propose to enact law for mandatory use of fixed quantity of fruit juice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. Cola drinks conforming to standards of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) and Fruit Products Order (FPO) do not pose any health haz ard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal to enact law for mandatory use of fixed quantity of fruit juice in Cola drinks.

(d) Does not arise.

Area affected by Water and Wind Erosion in Uttar Pradesh

3241. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be please to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the affected areas by Water and Wind erosion in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of area affected thereof during the last three years;

(c) the value of crop loss as a result thereof during the last three years; and

(d) the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh by the Union Government to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Area affected is assessed as 13115 Thousand Hectares.

(c) No Systematic analysis of the crop loss has been carried out.

(d) An expenditure of Rupees 26.7619 crores has been incurred.

'Jal Dhara Scheme' of U. P.

3242. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER-NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for sinking wells under 'Jal Dhara Scheme' in Uttar Pradesh during the last years; and

(b) the extent to which the target has since been achieved during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The 'Jaldhara' Scheme was a one-time measure initiated by the Government in 1988-89, to provide pumpsets to marginal farmers in identified Draught Prone Areas of 13 States. Even though a target of 7,073 pumpsets was proposed under the Scheme for Uttar Pradesh, the scheme was not taken up in the State and hence the achievement was nil. The Scheme is no more in operation.